

RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT'S PROMPTINGS

Invitation to Offering: – *Discipleship Ministries*

God of power and love, we come to worship this day in anticipation: to hear the music, to be fed with the word, to reconnect with family, but most of all to listen to your voice as it might speak to us in the silent moments. May your goodness and caring be affirmed in the gifts we give, and as worship comes to an end, may we hear Jesus' voice sending us out into the mission field, and may we listen and go. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem: "Give me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual, music by Howard Helvey (b. 1968)

I heard my mother say, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,

Refrain

Give me Jesus, you may have all this world, Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus, give me Jesus. (Refrain)

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus, give me Jesus. (Refrain)

Doxology

UMH #94

Prayer of Thanksgiving: – *Ministry Matters*

Radiant God, on the mountaintop you revealed Christ in glory before the eyes of the disciples. Shine your light upon these gifts we bring, that they may reflect your love into the valleys of this world. Through our giving, help us see more clearly the path you set before us. In the name of your Son, the Beloved, we pray. **Amen.**

*Hymn: "Heralds of Christ"

UMH# 567

Benediction

Postlude: "Sortie" Louis Lefebure-Wely (1817-1869)

We thank those who participated in today's service:

Acolytes: Adeline and Anja Berke, Nii-Lante Bruce

Altar Ministry: Jennifer Rowell and Beverly Rzewnicki

Carillonneur: Thomas St. Marie

Fellowship Hour: The Stewardship & Finance Committee and volunteers

Liturgist: Felix Everett

Musicians: Accompanist, Steve Hays; flute, Kyle LaFleur

Ushers: Head Usher, Lisa Bakowski; Asst. Head Usher, Sheila Womble, Kathy Hathaway, Margo

Sweetland, Ann Guyotte, JoAnne Evans

Video Team: Brian and Samuel Crawford, Eric Mazzarella, Nic Odell, Anthony and Nicholas Skridulas

Please Pray for: Bridget B, James B, the B family, Meri B, Natalie B, Mary C, Pat D, David F, Mark F, Donna G, Courtney H, Pete L, Brenda L, Cristopher L, Katherine L, Amy L, Diane M, Carlos M, Herb M, the M family, Les P, Rev. Dr. Bob P, Catherine Ann R, Jen R, Carl S, Lynn T, Allie W, our service members and their loved ones, those affected by gun violence and natural disasters.

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Believing that all persons are created in God's image and are of sacred worth, that Jesus' message was one of inclusion of those rejected by mainstream society, and that each member makes inherent and valuable contributions to the Body of Christ, we of Trinity Church welcome into this congregation people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic condition, family structure, and physical or mental ability.



Celebrate God's love

Nurture relationships with God and one another

Serve our community and world, as we share the light of Christ

Transfiguration Sunday

February 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

WELCOME

We worship using this liturgy and two songbooks: *The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH)* and *The Faith We Sing (TFWS)*. Please silence your electronic devices. Nursery care is downstairs for children birth - 4 years.

**Please stand in body or in spirit. Items in bold are read in unison. Items italicized are sung by the choir.*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE FOR A TIME OF QUIET MEDITATION

"I cannot define for you what God is. I can only say that my work has proved empirically that the pattern of God exists in every man and that this pattern has at its disposal the greatest of all his energies for transformation and transfiguration of his natural being. Not only the meaning of his life but his renewal and his institutions depend on his conscious relationship with this pattern of his collective unconscious." - Carl Jung

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Prelude in G Major, Andante con moto" Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Introit: "Christians We Have Met to Worship"

Christians we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down, Christians pray and Holy Manna will be showered all around.

***Call to Worship:** – *Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025*

One: On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what We will encounter.

Many: We come to encounter God's glory revealed.

One: We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

Many: We come to witness God's glory revealed.

One: We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love Made real among us.

Many: We come to remember God's glory revealed.

One: We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

Many: We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn:** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH# 89

***Unison Prayer of Confession:** – *"Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'.*

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us. Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace and hear your call in Christ. Amen.

***Words of Assurance:** – *"Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'.*

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! **Amen.**

***Response:** "As the Deer" TFWS #2025

**As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.**

Choir Anthem: "Be Thou My Vision" Traditional Irish, music by Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart, Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art,
Thou my best thought by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor men's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and Thou, Thou and Thou, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heav'ns sun,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O ruler of all.*

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Children's Moment

Pastoral Prayer, Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Choral Response: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"

Hear our prayer O Lord; Incline Thine ear to us, and grant us Thy peace.

***Hymn:** "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" TFWS# 2103

New Testament Scripture Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9 (NRSV) p. 17-18

Response to the Word:

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Listen to Him" Rev. Dr. David V. Calhoun